

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 391
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor Ralph Emerson upon reaching four million consecutive accident-free miles during his career as a truck driver.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through their exemplary endeavors are a credit to their respective professions; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Emerson of Kingsport, Tennessee is one such outstanding person, who has reached a milestone in his profession that few other drivers are ever able to attain; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding employee of Consolidated Freightways for many years, Mr. Emerson was recently honored for driving more than four million consecutive accident-free miles during his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emerson joins only two other professional drivers in Consolidated Freightways' 68-year history to reach this true pinnacle of success; and

WHEREAS, unlike many other drivers on the road today, Mr. Emerson has remained committed to safety first and foremost; Mr. Emerson's colleagues avow that he is "dedicated to providing essential and safe service to communities throughout the nation" and is the epitome of "a responsible corporate citizen"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emerson has been looking forward to reaching four million miles ever since he reached the three million mile mark in 1988; he has an enduring love for the road and demonstrates incredible loyalty to his company and profession; and

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WHEREAS, a native of Wartburg, Tennessee, Mr. Emerson began his professional driving career in 1953 as a transport operator for Dance Freight Lines in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Consolidated Freightways team in 1967 when CF acquired Dance, Mr. Emerson has been the recipient of numerous professional awards and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Emerson was named Kingsport Driver of the Month in May 1987 and was nominated for American Trucking Associations' America's Road Team in 1988; and

WHEREAS, throughout all of his endeavors, Mr. Emerson exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Emerson is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of 43 years, Lou Ann; the Emersons are the proud parents of three sons and one daughter and are the proud grandparents of five loving grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Ralph Emerson for his dedication to his profession and his ongoing commitments to ensuring the safety of his fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ralph Emerson of Kingsport upon reaching the true pinnacle of his professional driving career. We congratulate him upon driving more than four million consecutive accident-free miles during his distinguished career and wish him many more safe miles as he travels our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.